



way to go TAFE FACT SHEET

Vocational Education and Training (VE&T) in schools is only the beginning.

In fact, right now nearly half a million Victorians are doing VE&T courses that are delivered by TAFE Institutes, private Registered Training Organisations and Adult Community Education Centres.

Did you know that...

- **TAFE equips young people with a nationally recognised qualification?**

TAFE offers qualifications at the level of Certificate I, Certificate II, Certificate III and Certificate IV, as well as Diplomas and Advanced Diplomas. These certificates are recognised across Australia.

- **TAFE is an affordable option?**

TAFE is free of the Higher Education Contribution Scheme (HECS), so you avoid deferred debts. A tuition fee of only \$1.34 an hour, to a maximum of \$860 a year (in 2007), is charged for government-funded places at TAFE Institutes, private training providers and adult community education providers. A concession tuition fee rate of \$53 a year (in 2007) is available for all Health Care Card and Pensioner Concession Card holders and their dependants. There may be additional charges for student services and take-home goods and materials such as tools of the trade.

- **TAFE offers a great educational experience?**

The teaching at TAFE differs from the teaching offered at university in terms of the teaching method, class room size and approach. It offers a great adult learning experience.

TAFE has a practical emphasis and is directly linked to the needs of business and industry. Representatives from business and industry help design and update TAFE courses to ensure that they are relevant and related to the needs of specific jobs, which is why TAFE qualifications are highly valued.

The class sizes are a lot smaller and focus on more 'hands-on' learning.

Unlike university lectures, which are often delivered to hundreds of students at one time, TAFE classes are much smaller and more personal with an average class size of 15 to 20.

The course duration differs with TAFE courses ranging from 6 weeks for some Certificate courses to 2.5 years for Diplomas and Advanced Diplomas.

Universities are recognising the benefit of the more practical focus that TAFE provides by incorporating into many of their courses a year of Integrated Business Learning (IBL).

For more information please go to the TAFE course directory located at: www.tafe.vic.gov.au

TAFE SOLUTIONS TO SKILL SHORTAGES

- Building and Construction
- Community Services & Health
- Information & Communication Technology
- Food (Commercial Cookery)
- Electro technology
- Engineering
- Transport & Logistics
- General Manufacturing
- Innovation & Business

TAFE FACTS

- There were a total of 484,000 people enrolled in VE&T courses in Victoria in 2005.
- 337,000 of these students were enrolled in a TAFE Institute.
- 82% of TAFE graduates were satisfied with the overall quality of their TAFE training.
- 92% of TAFE graduates are employed or in further study after their training
- There are 1,400 career courses to choose from
- There are 18 TAFE Institutions with multiple campuses around Victoria
- Four out of Five TAFE students are getting qualifications for careers outside of the trades



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Jumpstart your career while you're still at school

Secondary school students can take up VE&T through a variety of programs:

VICTORIAN CERTIFICATE OF APPLIED LEARNING (VCAL)

VCAL is a senior secondary certificate that provides practical work-related experience, literacy and numeracy know-how, and the opportunity to build skills important to success and reward in work and life. VCAL opens up future study options at TAFE.

SCHOOL BASED APPRENTICESHIP (SBA)

An apprenticeship or traineeship is when you combine work and training to receive a national qualification. You can do an apprenticeship or traineeship part-time while you are studying at school doing your Victorian Certificate of Education (VCE) or Victorian Certificate of Applied Learning (VCAL). This is known as a School Based Apprenticeship.

VE&T IN VCE

You can choose a VCE VE&T program as part of your VCE. A VCE VE&T program offers you a vocational certificate with VCE credit built in, just like other VCE studies. VCE VE&T programs will give you credits at Units 1-4. This could be hospitality, agriculture, information technology or engineering. With over 30 courses on offer there are plenty of options.



REAL PEOPLE – REAL PATHWAYS!



"Being able to have work experience during the advanced diploma, I was able to apply the skills I learned at TAFE and learn on the job, which helped me in my studies."

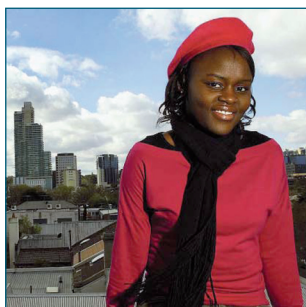
Shaun Webster

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Advanced Diploma of Spatial Information Science, RMIT, TAFE

Transferred into 3rd year Bachelor of Applied Sciences (Geomatics) RMIT, UNIVERSITY

Employment – MVR Surveys



"One of the most important things I gained from it was confidence. TAFE is very practical; it keeps you sharp and on your toes. And it made me constantly push myself every single time."

Sharon Makombeshamu

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Diploma in Business (Advertising) HOLMESGLEN INSTITUTE OF TAFE

Advanced Diploma in Business (Advertising) HOLMESGLEN INSTITUTE OF TAFE

Employment – Singleton, Ogilvy and Mather

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